GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – The Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 - Amendment – Notification - Orders - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (Prog.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No: 185 Dated: 28.11.2022
Read the following: -

1. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.
2. G.O.Ms.No.20, S.E. (PE.Prog.II) Dept., dated: 03.03.2011.
3. From the Commissioner of School Education, Letter RC. No: ESE02-13/82/2022-AD-SER II-CSE, dt:27.11.2022.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have framed the Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 under the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Act No. 35 of 2009) and published Notification in Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated: 05.03.2011.

2. The Commissioner of School Education, has reported that, as per 2011 census the total literacy rate in Andhra Pradesh is 67.35%. Female literacy is only 59.96%. In the earlier times, Governments have not paid due attention to the School Education and for improving foundational literacy in the state. Because of this neglect the schools were not having proper infrastructure, inadequate teachers' and Mid-Day meal was not served properly, textbooks were not supplied in time, and the uniforms were never supplied as per the entitlement in time. Neither were the schools properly inspected nor was there a mechanism to monitor the regulatory aspects of recognition and running of schools.

3. He has further stated that, the present Government have put in several dedicated efforts to bring in transformative changes in school education with a long-term objective of preparing the students of Andhra Pradesh for a bright future, like,

- **Jagananna Ammavodi:** To address the issue of low GER in Primary Education, policy intervention was necessitated to address this issue. Under the scheme annual financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 is given to each unique mother/guardian belonging to BPL families, linking it with 75% student attendance. Consequent to this, The GER has increased at Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary levels during the last three years.
- **Nadu Nedu** - Under Mana Badi Nadu Nedu facilities every school is being provided with 11 components (i)Toilets with running water (ii)Drinking water supply (iii) Major and minor repairs (iv) Electrification with fans and tube lights (v) Furniture for students

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and staff (vi) Green chalk boards (vii) Painting (viii) English lab (ix) Compound wall and (x) Kitchen shed (xi) Additional Classroom with a total estimated cost of Rs.16021.67 crores. So far, facilities have been provided in 15715 schools with an expenditure of 3669 Crs. Digital Classrooms are also being undertaken.

- **Jagananna Gorumudda** - Quality Mid-Day meal is being provided to the children with revamped daily menu with variety and supplementary nutrition by supplying eggs and chikkis under this program.
- **Jagananna Vidya Kanuka** - To improve the participation of the children in the schools the Govt. have supplied teaching-learning material in the form of student kits under Jagananna Vidya Kanuka. So far this scheme has benefitted 47 lakh children
- **Tabs for 8th class students**: 5.18 lakh tabs are being distributed to students with modern online edu- tech content to prepare them for a competitive world.
- **Subject Teacher Concept:** In line with NEP recommendations and to provide qualified subject teachers for all classes from Class 3 onwards, Schools have been re-categorized and Subject teachers provided.

- **Effective supervision**: Creation of Second MEO post and restructuring of DyEO system.
- **Toilet Maintenance fund:** This fund has been set up to maintain the cleanliness of the Toilets, Urinals, dress change rooms, washbasins, and other associated items of the toilet complexes in all the government schools. The creation of TMF is a revolutionary concept and the first of its kind in India and probably the largest fund created exclusively for the maintenance of toilets in Government schools.
- **School Maintenance fund**: To attend the repairs of the building on time and for timely maintenance, this fund has been created. This extends the life of the assets, buildings, and infrastructure.
- **Affiliation to CBSE and focus on English Medium**: The state government has observed the need for bringing in a curriculum of national standards, teaching methods and an appropriate assessment system to make the children studying in the government schools in the state compete for the national and international competition in the long run with a **focus in English medium**. Therefore, (1,000)high schools have already been affiliated with CBSE and all other high schools will also get affiliated in phases.
- **Curricular Reforms- Bilingual Textbooks, Learn A English Word A Day And Phonetics:** The textbooks from Classes I to VII have been redesigned with more focus on an activity-based curriculum. The highlights of the new textbooks are pedagogy to acquire 21st-century skills, promoting Foundational Literacy, building vocabulary, maintaining global standards in Mathematics and Environmental Science and for ease of learning the books are in Telugu-English bilingual format.

4. He has further stated that, with all the above mentioned efforts and much more activities are being undertaken in the field of Digital learning, constant upgradation of infrastructure and Curriculum, there is a need to focus on the Children's educational achievement levels and address issues

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pertaining to academic achievement of children relating to their age. Few studies on this aspect and their observations are as follows:-

- The Annual Survey of Education Report (ASER), 2018 reveals that ONLY:
  - 22.4% of Children in Std. III that can read Std. II level text
  - 38.4% of Children in Std. III that can do subtraction
  - 39.3% of Children in Std. V that can divide
  - 47.60% of Children in Std. VIII can divide.
- Andhra Pradesh Student Learning Achievement Survey (APSLAS) observed that there are poor reading and comprehension skills among students.
- National Achievement Survey (NAS), 2021, undertaken by Ministry of Education, Government of India states that the average performance of 10th-class students in languages is 39% whereas Mathematics is 32% & English is 49%

5. The CSE, has further stated that, the Teacher Unions are representing that services of teachers shall be utilized for academic activities only for ensuring learning outcomes among students and not to utilize their services other than academic work.

6. The CSE, has therefore, requested to issue orders amending the Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010, for confining the teachers to Academic activities only and not to depute them other than Academic works for ensuring academic transformation and to focus and dedicate their time in the core activity of teaching to improve the academic achievement level of children.

7. Government after careful examination of the proposal of Commissioner of School Education, have decided to confine all teachers to academic activities only for ensuring academic transformation as envisaged in NEP and implemented by the state government with the aim to fulfil the objective of imparting best education and creating global citizens. Section 27 of Right to Education Act, 2009 envisages 'Prohibition of deployment of teachers for non-educational purposes.' In furtherance and to strengthen Section 27 of Right to Education Act, 2009, following rules are incorporated into The Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2010 issued in G.O. Ms. No 20, School Education (PE-Progs.I) Department, dt.: 03-03-2011.

8. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated: 28.11.2022.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (i) of Section 38 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Act No. 35 of 2009), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby make the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 issued in G.O.Ms.No. 20, School Education (P.E-Progs.I) Dept., dt. 03.03.2011, as subsequently amended from time to time:-

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AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, after rule 29, the following shall be added, namely,-

"30. Deployment of Teachers for non-educational purposes.

1. In consonance with the provisions in Section 27 of the Act, and to further strengthen the same;

   a. Teachers shall focus and dedicate their time in the core activity of teaching to improve the academic achievement levels of children relating to their class and age
   b. As far as possible, teachers shall not be engaged in or drafted for any activity other than teaching and other academic related activities in schools
   c. In the event of any unavoidable circumstances, it shall be ensured that teachers are engaged in non-academic activity, only after all staff of other Government departments are deployed and still there is a need for further staff to meet such purposes".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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